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January 22, 1977

To Congressman Henry Reuss

I share your concern over the leak of classified estimates, and intend to see the continued investigation of this situation.

I want to be supplied with objective intelligence information, and believe that nothing in the information gathering process which may deal with matters of national security or interest should be exposed to public debate or pressure.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Henry S. Reuss  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc: The Honorable Frank Moore  
✓ CIA Designate

(note: This letter was sent to all  
Congressmen whose names appear  
on attached correspondence)

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**Congress of the United States**

**House of Representatives**

**Washington, D.C. 20515**

**January 7, 1977**

Governor Jimmy Carter  
President-elect  
Plains, Georgia 31780

Dear Governor Carter:

We are very concerned with the recent politicization of the analysis process which produces the National Intelligence Estimates and with the leak for apparent political purposes of some classified estimates developed regarding the goals of the Soviet Union.

The participants on the outside panel unfortunately included several persons who had already developed conclusions on the matter and who are actively engaged in lobbying efforts to shape policy to meet their conclusions. The final position of the panel and the opinions in the estimate should come as no surprise.

One almost expected result of this "pollution" of the process was the leak and the resulting pressure to be exerted on future executive and legislative decisions concerning the entire spectrum of national security affairs. This could have an apparently intended but disastrous effect on the shape of the defense budget and on arms limitations talks.

The development of objective intelligence estimates is of paramount importance to this country. Personal political or ideological stances have no place in the process. We deplore their intrusion.

We urge that the process remain pristine and uncontaminated. We urge that outside participation be only analytical and we strongly request an investigation on the leak. Most importantly, we ask that the estimate be redone and the obvious bias corrected.

Sincerely,

Ronald V. Dellums

Don Edwards

Parren Mitchell

Berkly Bedell

Jim Johnson

Richard Ottinger

John Burton

Michael Harrington

Henry Reuss

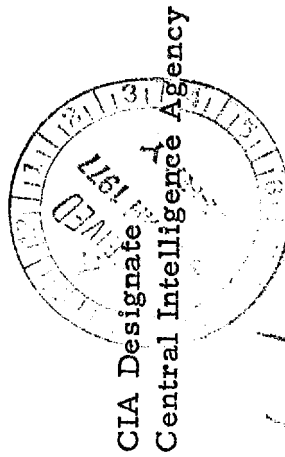
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